Expenditure on foodgrains

*419. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(f) the average cost of procurement, transportation and storage of one million tonne of rice per day;

(g) the average cost of procurement transportation and storage of one million tonne of wheat per day; and

(a) the present stock, with break-up, of rice and wheat?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The cost of procurement, transportation and storage of rice and wheat is approximately as under: -

(Rs. in crore)

	2002-03 (RE) Wheat	Rice
Procurement cost (for 1 million tonnes)	778.27	1095.00
Transportation cost (for 1 million tonnes) Storage	77.00	77.00
cost (per day for 1 million tonnes)	0.14	0.14

(c) The provisional stock position of wheat and rice in the Central Pool, as on 1st March, 2003 was as under:—

(in lakh tonnes)

Commodity	Stock Position
Rice	176.13
Wheat	185.80

Import of edible oils

*420. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to import 61.44 lakh tonne edible oils during the current fiscal year;